EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SERVE DC – THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

AmeriCorps*State Grants

NOTICE: ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS IS **REQUIRED** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009, AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009 FROM 5:00 TO 7:00PM AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009 (CONFERENCE CALL) FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M. PLEASE SEE THE REMAINDER OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Summary: Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism announces the availability of AmeriCorps*State funding for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 to eligible organizations. Subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY2010), new applicants with high-quality proposals will compete either nationally with other State and National programs for $363,000,000 of Competitive funds or locally for $600,000 of Formula funds made available through Serve DC and the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation). The total amount of an applicant's grant request must not exceed $13,000 per Member Service Year requested. Applicants must request no less than five (5) Member Service Years and $65,000.

Following Serve DC's initial review of all applications, a decision will be made as to which programs Serve DC will recommend to the Corporation for Competitive funding consideration. The remaining applications – and those not selected by the Corporation for Competitive funding – will be considered for Formula funds. Serve DC anticipates notifying Competitive awardees by mid-June 2010 and notifying Formula awardees by the end of June 2010. Serve DC anticipates making Competitive grant awards in or about the first week of July 2010 and making Formula grant awards in or about the first week of August 2010.

AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Within these five issue areas, programs may submit proposals that address specific problems of local communities.

In the FY 2010 competition, the Corporation and Serve DC will give special consideration to projects that address one or a combination of the national service priorities (listed below), that meet critical needs of our nation, achieve national service goals, and address community problems.

> 1. Education – unmet educational needs within communities especially those that help children and youth achieve success in school and prevent them from dropping out before high school graduation.
> 2. Healthy Futures – unmet health needs within communities including access to health care, disease prevention and health promotion initiatives, and health literacy.

3. Clean Energy/Environment – unmet energy-efficiency and environmental needs within communities.
4. Veterans – unmet needs of veterans, members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, and family members of deployed military personnel.
5. Opportunity – unmet needs relating to economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals within communities including financial literacy, housing assistance, job training, and nutritional assistance.
6. Emergency Preparedness – unmet needs relating to disaster preparedness and recovery.
7. Baby Boomers and Senior Citizens – unmet needs of the population 55 and older.

In 2010, the Corporation will make an effort to allocate not less than 10% of funding to eligible entities proposing to carry out 'encore service programs.' The term 'encore service program' means a program that involves a significant number of participants age 55 or older and takes advantage of the skills and experience that such participants offer in the design and implementation of the program.

Match Requirement: All program costs require at least a 24% cash or in-kind match during each of the first three years of funding, with match requirements increasing incrementally after year three. Programs reach a maximum 50% minimum match level during the 10th year of funding.

AmeriCorps Funding Year	1, 2, 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	42%	46%	50%

Criteria for Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and/or state and local units of government. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding *must* operate the program only within the District of Columbia.

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The application guidelines and instructions will be available on October 13, 2009 on Serve DC's website at www.serve.dc.gov or in person at Serve DC's office noted below. **The deadline for submission is November 17, 2009, by 5:00 pm.** Applications must be entered in to the CNCS eGrants online system and all required hard-copy documents must be submitted to Serve DC. Late applications will not be accepted. An application is considered late at 5:01 p.m.

Additionally, applicants are **required** to attend one of the following technical assistance sessions: October 20, 2009, from 5-7pm in the 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center at One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street, NW) Conference Room 1117; October 26, 2009, 5-7pm in the 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center at One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street, NW)

Conference Room 1117; November 4, 2004 from 2-4pm (conference call). Conference call information will only be available to those who RSVP.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the technical assistance sessions, please contact by telephone or email:

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